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The Monthly Newsletter of ASPE HAMPTON ROADS



*The Latest From
Hampton Roads*

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER:

MEETING TOPIC: Vacuum Piping Systems

PRESENTED BY: Ron Mims

WHEN: Thursday: Jan 12th

WHERE: Clark Nexsen: 4525 Main St, Suite 1400
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

COST: \$20.00



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shane Miller

Once again, we had a good turnout for our December meeting. Here is last month's trivia answers Who Said, "You couldn't hear a dump truck driving through a nitroglycerin plant." that was Uncle Lewis and what movie is it from was none other than the Classic movie Christmas Vacation. Our First annual golf outing looks to be shaping up and might be around May of this year. keep a look out for the flyer with all the announcements. It will be a fun time, so please start putting your teams together. We are still looking for Tabletops, Presenters and Newsletter /Website sponsors for this year. So please reach out to Lisa Sprague if you would like to be a part of any of these. lsprague@clarknexsen.com (757) 961-7862. Here is an easy one for you this month who said " Luke I am your Father" and who is the voice of the character and because this is easy what movie is it from? The Movie may be a bit tougher be because I want the actual movie it is from. We have a new addition to our Chapter and would like to welcome Charles Austin to the Chapter. We would like to hear any ideas you all may have for any type of outings or or Presentations you might wat to hear. This is our Chapter and we want to make it the best as it can be. So reach out to any of the Board members with any of your ideas. We are hear for you. Also please reach out to your fellow co-workers and have them sign up for the Chapter if they haven't already. ASPE is a great tool for learning about plumbing design.



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Contact me or any of the board members if you have a topic you would like to learn about or if you have a topic of interest to present.

We are looking for speakers for this years meetings. All months are currently open except for Sept, Oct & Nov. The Nov meeting is an ASPE, ASHRAE & VSHE meeting that will be held in the evening. So please contact me at ghassan.abusultanah@clarknexsen.com or call me at (757) 961-7752 or reach out to Lsprague@clarknexsen.com (757) 961-7862. if you have a presentation you would like to do.

We would like to grow our meeting attendance and make things easier for our members to have as much access to the Chapter as possible. So we would like to offer a virtual meeting to our members who have offices outside the Virginia Beach Area or find it tough to drive to Town Center for a meeting. Please just let Lisa Sprague know if you would like to attend the virtual option. However, attending the virtual meetings you will receive an ASPE T-shirt. You must attend 8 of 10 of the meetings to be eligible. It is easier to attend virtual meetings than the in person ones. Also to attend the virtual meeting there is a catch you must be a **ASPE HAMPTON ROADS MEMBER**.



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Shane Miller



Thank you to each and every member who encouraged a colleague to join the Hampton Roads ASPE Chapter this year. We had some growth and I am excited to continue and build on that growth in the 2022-2023 season! Be on the lookout for membership drive events in the Fall!

To continue our growth in the Chapter we would like to create this incentive. For every member that you get to join the Chapter you will earn a prize. For instance 1-2 members gets you an ASPE HR tumbler 3-4 gets you the tumbler and a HR t-shirt and for 5 or more you get the tumbler, HR T-shirt & padded folio. So please start getting your co-workers to sign up for the Chapter



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What meeting format is most beneficial to get the most out of
it? We want to hear from you!**

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CSA Seeks Comments on Nonpotable Water Reuse Systems Standard

CSA Group is pleased to announce that CSA B128.3: Performance of Nonpotable Water Reuse Systems is available for public review. CSA B128.3 assesses the performance of package wastewater treatment plants that are intended to treat either mixed-wastewater or graywater drainage to produce a treated effluent water quality suitable for nonpotable water-reuse applications with a treatment capacity of up to 10 000 L/d (2,650 gpd) or less. It also covers site-assembled components included in package wastewater treatment plants.....[more](#)

New ASTM International Standard Covers Sediment for Stormwater Testing

ASTM International's stormwater control measures committee (E64) has developed a new standard on the characteristics of sediments used in laboratory performance testing of stormwater treatment devices.

The new standard, soon to be published as E3317, describes the mineralogy, specific gravity, and particle size distributions (PSDs) of silica-based sediments used in the testing of these devices. According to ASTM International member Jay Holtz, using a standard sediment during performance testing helps provide consistent and comparable results.....[more](#)

IAPMO Seeks Technical Committee Members for the 2027 UPC and UMC

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) is seeking volunteers to participate on two technical committees working toward the development of the 2027 editions of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC). The deadline to submit an application is January 31, 2023.

Within these documents, prospective technical committee participants may find information on the scope and general guidelines for the conduct of these committees.

The provisions of these codes apply to the erection, installation, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, and use or maintenance of plumbing and mechanical systems.....[More](#)

Credential of Learning Achievement on Code Official Safety Is Launched















The International Code Council recently launched its first credential dedicated to the safety of code official personnel. The Code Official Safety Credential of Learning Achievement (CLA), developed in collaboration with the Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation (CEOSF), will educate code officials and inspectors in all disciplines with officer safety skills that set the standard in the code enforcement profession.

The Code Official Safety CLA assessment will be offered via the Code Council's Proctored Remote Online Testing Option (PRONTO), which will verify subject matter comprehension and competency. The Code Council's PRONTO examinations are available 24/7, scheduled up to 45 minutes in advance and utilize advanced exam security features.....[more](#)

International Code Council Releases New Revit Add-In to Help Streamline Design Workflows

The International Code Council has announced the release of the ICC Digital Codes Premium Revit® Add-In. The new add-in allows architects, designers, engineers, and building safety professionals to access and reference building codes and standards directly from within Autodesk Revit.....[more](#)

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Pat McNally

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A. O. Smith Receives WAVE Water Stewardship Verification

A. O. Smith Corp., a global leader in water heating and water treatment products, announced that the company has received WAVE water stewardship verification, a process led by The Water Council and independently verified by SCS Global Services.

A. O. Smith is one of the first companies to pilot the program.

WAVE helps companies improve their water stewardship and is independently verified, which provides additional credibility and transparency to the process. SCS Global Services is an international leader in third-party sustainability verification. The program includes a six-step methodology for improving, reporting, and recognizing good corporate water stewardship by identifying water risks and opportunities within the company's organization.....[more](#)

Kohler Co. Names Samie Barr Chief Brand Officer

Kohler Co. is pleased to announce the appointment of Samie Barr as Chief Brand Officer. This role was created to fuel strategic acceleration and further elevate the KOHLER brand globally across a diverse set of dynamic businesses.

Barr will report to David Kohler, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, serve on the Kohler Leadership team, and partner with leaders across the business to deliver the company's mission of a higher level of gracious living for customers, brand partners, and associates. Barr will have responsibility for leading global creative, media, and digital capabilities and the global teams responsible for the brand experience.....[more](#)

Learn How to Get Rid of Hydrogen Sulfide: The “Rotten Eggs in My Water”

Do you dread turning on the hot water in your shower or sink? Does the smell of rotten eggs take over your house as soon as the water runs? Chances are, you are dealing with hydrogen sulfide.

Hydrogen sulfide is a poisonous gas that is formed by sulfur-reducing anaerobic bacteria. These bacteria feed on organics in groundwater, and trace elements of iron and magnesium can catalyze their growth and development. While the gas is rarely in high enough concentration to be a danger, it is certainly unpleasant. It can also damage your pipes, as it renders water slightly acidic, leading to corrosion in copper, lead, and steel piping. It can even ruin the ion-exchange media in water softeners.....[more](#)

Watts Water Technologies Named One of America's Most Responsible Companies 2023 by Newsweek

For the fourth consecutive year, Watts has been named one of America's Most Responsible Companies by Newsweek magazine.

The company is being recognized as one of the Top 500 most responsible companies from 2,000 of the largest U.S. firms, spanning 14 industries. Honorees were selected based on a detailed analysis of publicly available key performance indicators derived from corporate social responsibility and sustainability reports, as well as an independent survey of more than 13,000 U.S. residents.....[more](#)

Caleffi Introduces the Gold Standard Kit for Hydronic System Installers

An industry leader in hydronic system protection, Caleffi North America has introduced the Gold Standard Kit. This single-box solution targets installers who demand the best protection for the systems they design, install, and service. The Kit combines two product favorites that effectively eliminate three problems:

1. The DISCAL®, a high-efficiency air separator dedicated to removing the system culprit: 1) excessive oxygen resulting in the formation of corrosion
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Hydronic systems are susceptible to degradation when air, dirt, and magnetic separation are not performed well. A-la-carte choices of separators can leave gaps in the protection of ECM circulators and high-efficiency heat exchangers. Caleffi provides contractors the best solution for of all three protection categories with the Gold Standard Kit. Product configurations are available for immediate purchase in 1- and 1½-inch sweat and press connections.....[more](#)



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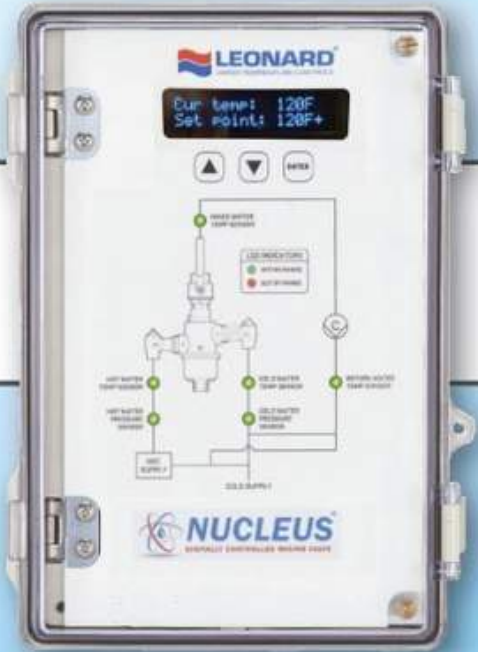


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Some recent excerpts:

Three Benefits of Using Engineered Solutions to Support Water Heater Tanks

Engineered water heater supports improve the overall functionality and safety of the building and provide clients with a reliable solution

When designing a building, you'll often need to incorporate water heater accessories into your plan when installing a tank unit. You might need to mount the tank to a wall to save space, or to prevent fire incidents, you might need to raise the water heater off the floor....[more](#)

Legally, How Do the Responsibilities of Engineers and Designers Differ?

The vertical building market includes many different professionals—architects, engineers, designers, contractors, building officials, etc.—and we all have a place within the market. We also have some common interests: protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare, serving our clients' needs, and cooperating/coordinating with the design and construction teams as well as with the building officials.

MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) consultants have two major team members who work together to develop a client's concept: engineers and designers. In addition, the design team has the support of many other team members: administration, graphical presentation (Revit, AutoCAD, etc.), and field services. Generally speaking, the "M" works on the design of HVAC&R (heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration) and building automation systems that serve the environmental needs of the facility. The "E" works on the power, low-voltage, communication, fire alarm, and security system needs of the facility. The "P" works on the design of the plumbing and fire suppression systems (currently, most consulting firms do not have a separate fire protection discipline).....[more](#)

November 2022 Lessons in Firestop: Hambro Floor-Ceiling Assemblies and Mickey Mouse Ears

Hey there, firestop friends. I promised in the last Lessons in Firestop to talk to you about some of the issues with the Hambro floor-ceiling assemblies, or really any of the G500 series floor-ceiling assemblies. First, I want to be sure we are on the same page with what I mean by that. If you are standing on the floor looking down, it will look just like a typical concrete floor, but don't let that fool you because it is anything but that. If you are on one of these projects and you look up and see metal trusses, or at the top of the metal-framed walls you see rippers of drywall, those are two red flags that you should take a look at your plans—specifically the area that shows the floor assembly—before you start throwing firestop sealant in any holes.....[more](#)

Tankless Truth: Tankless Water Heaters Work Well with Cold Inlet Temperatures

With the benefits of high efficiency and fast recovery, tankless can provide businesses with the hot water they need no matter where they are in North America.

Wherever temperatures get below freezing, an often-preconceived notion is that tankless water heaters do not work well with cold groundwater temperatures. This is a prevalent misconception in northern states, such as Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, etc. These biases have caused many buildings to be designed without consideration of tankless technology. However, by providing a design recommendation based on myth, MEP engineers could be missing out on the many benefits a tankless water heater could provide their clients.....[More](#)

November 2022 From the President's Keyboard: Does Your Chapter Have an Ambassador Program?

It's November, and we'll soon be into the holiday season. Most ASPE Chapters have resumed their monthly meetings and have held one or two technical sessions so far. I attended the October meeting for my hometown Atlanta Chapter, and while I saw many familiar faces, I was encouraged to see some new ones too. Those new faces are the future of ASPE. Missing at the meeting, however, were the virtual designers and engineers. That's the group we need to reach and get them to attend Chapter meetings, our Tech Symposium, and our Convention & Expo.....[More](#)

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ASHRAE Releases Its 2023 Winter Conference Technical Program

ASHRAE has released its technical program for the 2023 ASHRAE Winter Conference, being held February 4–8, 2023 in Atlanta at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center and Building A of the Georgia World Congress Center. The full conference schedule is available online and in the ASHRAE 365 app. Registration is open. [Click here to register now.](#)

“The conference will focus on addressing the critical challenges we all face in rapidly evolving industry and policy landscapes. It will feature papers and programs that are pertinent to the future of buildings and how they interact with people and the environment,” said Christine Reinders-Caron, Chair of the committee for the conference. “Attendees will learn about the latest developments in building design and construction, from virtual design and simulation to decarbonization and grid resilience.”.....[More](#)

ASPE’s Next MedGas Workshop Will Be Held February 23–26, 2023

ASPE’s popular MedGas Workshop is headed to the West Coast next year: It will be held in Irvine, California on February 23–26. Save the date if you plan to attend as registration will open soon.

What sets our workshop apart?

ASPE developed this workshop to fulfill the training requirements for the new ASSE 6060: Medical Gas Systems Designer professional certification. Attendees will enjoy all of the benefits of our 32-hour in-person workshop, which include:

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Those who complete the workshop will receive a certificate of training and will have fulfilled the training requirement to take the ASSE 6060 certification exam.....[More](#)